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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

The President telephoned to ask if CAH had received the latest message from Macmillan and CAH said he had. Discussed Macmillan's reply on the subject of recess of the nuclear test suspension negotiations. The President asked CAH to give it some study and CAH said he hoped to have some suggestions by tomorrow morning as he felt we should reply quickly.

CAH then mentioned another message which had come to him from Amb. Caccia on the agreements reached between Adenauer and Macmillan. CAH said British are still insisting on fixing date for a summit meeting and President said it looks like Macmillan is probably trying to persuade Adenauer to delay.

President said we might startle Macmillan a little bit by saying now that he has seen Khrushchev, President is thinking of asking Khrushchev to come over here. CAH said we would have to sleep on that one and the President agreed. President said he had a long talk with JFD. Said he told JFD he was frankly thinking this way. Told JFD he would take Macmillan out to talk with JFD about 11:00 a.m. or somewhere around that time on Friday and the three of them will talk. Then told JFD they will take off and have the two days at Camp David and then when they come back, President will come back and talk to JFD. President said he told JFD if they have unhappy circumstances resulting from Camp David talks, President told JFD he would talk with JFD and CAH about asking Khrushchev over here no matter what is going on.

President said as he sees it Macmillan is trying to postpone an answer to this first note until he leaves here. President said if we answer it the first day Macmillan is here it probably wouldn't be too bad. CAH said the problem is if we haven't agreed among ourselves it has to go thru the NATO procedures which takes two or three days. President asked if we hadn't told them last night in our message that the President was prepared to say or to interpret any reasonable prospect of success, and CAH said we had used the President's language. President said if it is completely negative then he would go to bilateral talks. CAH said it was just possible Macmillan had not received the word that assuming the foreign ministers meetings gives indication of progress leading to a fruitful summit conference, so CAH said we may have some more news. President said we may have a better chance to lay out our position in detail with Macmillan's return to London and CAH agreed.